

Budget Ways & Means Committee
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Alan Snow, Juan Topete, Darren Collier and Ray West.

Others Present: Mayor Dan Rife, City Administrator Tom Short, City Clerk Traci Cox, Police Chief Greg Dagnan and Council Member Ceri Otero, Jonathan Roberts, Amber Gilmore and Robin Smith were present representing the Carthage Humane Society.

Mr. Snow called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

***NOTE:** All areas *"italic"* below were submitted to the Committee in a pre-meeting memo by Mr. Short.

Old Business:

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 25 Budget Hearings. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Consider and discuss perfection of Fiscal 2020 Annual Operating and Capital Budget/Agency Request Animal Control Services:

" Included is the original Budget request from the Humane Society for this fiscal year. Jonathan Roberts will be at the meeting to discuss where he thinks the Carthage Humane Society (CHS) is heading after a change in the Director's position and the services required by the City. Possible questions that will need to be answered are: can CHS provide the appropriate services to the City, what will be the contract amount for those services, will we use the CHS provided contract or a previous updatable City initiated contract? All things being equal, the preference would be to continue to work together with CHS to provide the services the City requires. I'm sure there are other considerations the Committee would like addressed. Jonathan should be able to address those concerns. Copies of recent Joplin Globe articles regarding the Humane Society are included in the packet. Also, copies of the current Humane Society's proposed contract and the last approved City contract are included in the packet. Another option would be to negotiate a new contract taking appropriate sections from each contract. Further, included is information regarding the changes made by the committee to the draft Budget during the budget hearings. These can be discussed at the meeting, they are fairly straight forward. The Council Bill for the recommended adoption of the Budget will appear on the next Budget Committee meeting agenda, May 13, 2019. Agency requests were discussed and contracts will be brought to the May 13 committee for additional review and approval. In reviewing the budget, it was noted funds for the Sidewalk Incentive Program were not included in the draft budget and need to be added. Capital requests were reviewed and the Closed Landfill Fund was discussed. Funds for the nicotine cessation program also need to be incorporated into the budget."

Mr. Short reported that the Director had been released and a new plan needed to be put into place. Mr. Roberts stated that Amber Gilmore is working as the Vet Tech and Dr. Saladin has registered to be the veterinarian for the Humane Society. The Humane Society Board has not decided what direction they will go in pursuing a new director. Mr. Roberts stated that an audit would be too costly but a review could be performed and bookkeeping outsourced. He also stated the Carthage Humane Society is currently performing the duties outlined in the contract with the City. The TNR program which was being administered by the Humane Society was discussed and this topic will be further discussed at the May 20 Public Safety Committee.

Staff Reports:

"As stated above, the Council Bill to adopt the City of Carthage Annual Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal 2020 will be prepared for Council consideration for the City Council's June 11, 2019 meeting. We will also have the Agency Agreements requiring Council Bills by the City for Fiscal 2020. These are the Agreements with the Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development Services; the Humane Society; the Over Sixty Center; and the Convention & Visitors Bureau. These are in the process of being reviewed by the Agencies now. There will also be a Council Bill for the rate adjustments as presented by CWE to the Committee during the hearings. Sales Tax Numbers: We would normally include the Sales Tax Report at the May 13, 2019 meeting, but if we receive the numbers before our May 8, 2019 meeting, we will bring it to the meeting. As previously discussed, we will also bring forward a Resolution to release the remainder of the Golf Course's assigned fund balance."

Mr. Short reported agency contracts must be approved by June 11. Budget perfection was discussed noting the increased contract request for the Economic Development Contract was removed but additional funding for the sidewalk program was added. The Reserved Fund Balance was adjusted to 35%.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM on motion by Mr. West.